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Weſtminſter, Auguſt 13.

THIS Day the Lords Juſtices, appointed to Adminiſter the Government till the arrival of His Majeſty, came to the Houſe of Peers, and ſent a Meſſage to the Commons by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black-Rod, requiring their Attendance. The Commons went up accordingly, and the Lord Chancellor, being One of the Lords Juſtices, in their Name made the following Speech to both Houſes of Parliament.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

IT is with great Satisfaction we can now tell you, that we have this Morning receiv'd a Letter from the King, wherein His Majeſty is graciouſly pleas'd to acquaint us, That His Majeſty is haſtening hither, to employ His utmoſt Care for putting theſe Kingdoms into a happy and flouriſhing Condition.

He has Commanded us, in the mean time, to continue our Care of every thing that may conduce to the Peace and Safety of His Dominions. And we are aſſured, That if this had required His more immediate Preſence, He would, without the leaſt Delay, have repaired hither, for the Support of ſo Dutiful and Faithful Subjects: For, His Majeſty does very particularly expreſs His great Satisfaction in the Loyalty and Affection which His People have univerſally ſhewn upon His Majeſty's Acceſſion to the Crown.

At the Opening this Seſſion, we did not mention to you the Apprehenſions we then had from the Smallneſs of the Sum at that time advanced, that the Lottery would not be full, being deſirous in the firſt place to try to make it effectual in the Manner the Parliament had eſtabliſhed it: But we are obliged now to acquaint you, That all our Endeavours have failed of the deſired Succeſs, tho' the Contributions have been thereby conſiderably encreaſed.

We muſt therefore earneſtly recommend to you, Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons, *to take this into your Conſideration, and to give ſuch further Encouragement as you ſhall think proper for Raiſing the whole Sum which was intended, and is abſolutely neceſſary for carrying on the Service of the Year.*

Madrid, July 30. *N. S.* Monſieur Orry arrived here on the 23d, and hath been employed in raiſing the Sum of One hundred thouſand Piſtols, for the uſe of the Army employed in the Siege of Barcelona. He takes up this Money from the Farmer of the Revenue by way of Anticipation, and hath already ſent One hundred thouſand Pieces of Eight to the Camp. The Duke de Popoli arrived here on the 27th, and went immediately to the Pardo to wait upon his Majeſty, who received him very graciouſly. They write from Cadiz, that the three Ships which the Marquis de Monteſacro undertook to ſend to the Honduras and the Carracas, purſuant to a Contract made with the King in January laſt, are loading the Goods proper for thoſe Places. Theſe Ships were bought of the French and Genoeſe, the Spaniards having none of their own, but they are Manned and Commanded only by Natives of this Kingdom, and the People of any Country have liberty to become Sharers in theſe Cargoes, according to the Marquis's Contract. Monſieur Crozat, of Paris, having lately deſired that the Veſſels he ſends to Louiſiana, or the River Miſſiſipy, might have leave to touch at the Havana for Refreſhments, his Requeſt hath been rejected. We have likewiſe received advice from the Governor of Buenos Ayres of the 12th of January laſt, that he had Confiſcated the Cargoes of two French Veſſels, which came up the River of Plata upon pretence of refitting. Letters from the Camp before Barcelona bring an Account, that ſix General Officers had deſerted out of the Town, and came to ſurrender themſelves to Mareſchal Berwick, who ſuſpecting their Sincerity, and doubting they might have a deſign to raiſe a Sedition in the Country, ſent them Priſoners to Peniſcola.

Berlin, Auguſt 1. *N. S.* On the 4th Inſtant the King arrived at Potſdam from Cleves, and yeſterday he came to this Place. His Majeſty ſtaid three Days at Hanover in his return, and is extreamly pleaſed with the Reception he met from that Court. The King continues his Reſolution of going ſoon into Pruſſia, and Orders are given to have every thing in a readineſs for his departure. In his way he intends to review the Troops that are quartered in Pomerania, and it is believed his Majeſty will not return hither before November.

Hamburgh, Auguſt 14. *N. S.* The King of Denmark hath declared, that he will allow no more Letters to be carried to Stockholm by the way of Copenhagen, upon which Monſieur Pouſſin, Miniſter of France to the Circle of Lower Saxony, is gone from hence to Gottorp, to endeavour to get that Order revoked. His Daniſh Majeſty hath ſent Major-General Wilſter with a Body of Five or Six hundred Men to attack the Iſle of Heiligland, where the Swedes have but a very ſmall number of Forces. It is likewiſe ſaid, that ſeveral Daniſh Regiments are order'd to be in a readineſs to march into Scania. Baron Aralenheim, Governor of Deux-Ponts, hath deſired Leave of the King of Pruſſia for two Regiments of Foot to paſs through his Dominions into Pomerania, but it is not yet known whether it will be granted. They write from Vienna, that Baron Spar would ſet out very ſoon from thence for the Congreſs of Baden. That Miniſter was ſaid to be very much diſpleaſed with the Succeſs of his Negotiations at the Imperial Court, the Emperor being reſolved not to concern himſelf in the Affairs of the North, any other ways than by offering his Mediation for a Treaty of Peace. We are informed from Reſſina, that the Miniſter of the Han of Tartary arrived there on the 6th Inſtant, but the Day had not been appointed for his Audience. King Auguſtus had conferred the Employment of Great Chamberlain of Lithuania upon Count Flemming. Letters from Petersbourg of the 22d paſt bring an Account, that the Swediſh Fleet continued ſtill in the ſame Situation at Hungo Udda, and that of the Czar at Reval, and there was no appearance of their coming ſoon to an Engagement. They were preparing